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Applicant: CRAMON, Kurt et al. Conf.: 3785
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For: A GENERIC TRANSACTION SERVER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 1, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure located below on a separate sheet following the last page of claims:

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are now present in the present application.

An Abstract of the Disclosure has been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (702) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Abstract of the Disclosure:

An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added.